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For: Method for Cleavage)
of Fusion Proteins)

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The Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

We are simultaneously entering National Phase of PCT/CA98/00398 filed on April 23, 1998, claiming priority from United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/044,254, filed April 25, 1997. Prior to calculating the claim fees for the application please enter the following amendments:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 15, 16, 19, 26, 28, 35, 38, 43 and 44 as follows:

15. (Amended) The method according to claim[s] 13 [or 14] wherein the mature zymogen is added under in vitro conditions.

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